

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council Work Session
October 29, 2014
9:00 am**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ron Watts, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilwoman Carol Scott, Councilman Wilson Sherrill and Councilman Terry Johnson

Members absent: Councilman Mike Williams

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Cindi Stephenson, Deputy Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

Draft Agenda Amendments

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Councilwoman Scott requested that more substantive agenda items be placed on the Council Meeting agendas as opposed to the Work Session agendas.

Public Comments

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Agreed with televising Council meeting; suggested that Work Session should be held in the evening and requested that agenda be released a week in advance of the meeting.

Jan Harris 206 North Shore Drive – Commented on the storm water issues the Town is facing, quoted the Land Use Plan and suggested that the Town should eliminate the 30th Street and North Shore Drive storm water drain.

Bob Bobinski 155 Edgewater Circle – Advised that the majority of North Carolina ABC Boards have 3 members; advised that any changes to the membership will require NC General Assembly approval.

Betty Oakes 412 Cobia Street – Agrees that an amendment to the 1969 NC General Assembly legislation that created the Sunset Beach ABC Store will need to be amended before the Council can increase the membership.

Discussion of Increasing the Number of ABC Board Members

The Council discussed NCGS 18B-700 and reached a consensus that increasing the membership from 3 to 5 members would allow new members to learn from the veteran members before retirement. The Council requested Staff to obtain a legal opinion to determine if Council has the authority to increase the Board membership and to place this item on the November 3, 2014 Council Meeting agenda.

Storm Water Report for North Shore Drive West/30th Street

Susan Parker introduced Holly Cook and Alan Lewis from East Coast Engineering and explained that this is the engineering firm hired to determine a mitigation plan for the storm water drainage system issue at North Shore Drive West and 30th Street. Ms. Cook advised that the mitigation plan includes removing and replacing the 24” single wall corrugated plastic pipe within the right of way with a 36” reinforced concrete storm water pipe. It also includes removing and replacing the 24” reinforced concrete storm water pipe running through the subject property with a 36” reinforced concrete pipe with additional removal and replacement of the catch basin and junction box. Rip rap installation at the point of the outfall is also recommended to mitigate the scouring which is visibly evident. A minor CAMA permit will be required for this repair. The Council questioned if the increase of the pipe size would be allowed by CAMA. Ms. Cook advised that CAMA officials had been consulted during the development of the plan and were aware of the proposed increase. The estimated cost of the repair is \$50,000. The Council reached a consensus to verify that the increase of the pipe size was approved by CAMA and to proceed with the repair. East Coast Engineering will prepare the Emergency Repair Bid package.

Discussion of Future Storm Water Management

Ms. Cook explained the extensive inadequacies of the existing storm water system and advised that East Coast Engineering recommends that a detailed drainage study of the entire Town identifying all of the system deficiencies and providing recommendations for phased construction of storm water infrastructure repairs, replacements and additions be obtained. East Coast Engineering will provide a cost estimate for the upcoming budget process to develop a storm water comprehensive plan to assist Council when developing the Capital improvements Plan.

Discussion Concerning Filming Council Meetings

The Council discussed filming the Council meetings and agreed that a conduct policy needs to be developed and adopted before filming begins. The Council will review a policy during the November Work Session.

Main Street Project Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita and Councilwoman Scott have been working with Attorney Isenberg and Staff concerning parking and pedestrian safety issues on the island. The group plans to submit Parking Ordinance amendments to Council for consideration in the upcoming months. The group has also met with Lanier Parking Solutions concerning establishing paid parking in the Gazebo and Streetscape public parking areas as a turnkey operation with no capital outlay from the Town. The Council reached a consensus to consider the proposal in the upcoming months.

Discussion Concerning Issuance of Leases within Wind Energy Areas Identified

Mayor Watts advised that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has contacted the Town to determine our interest in participating as a consulting party with the Section 106 review for the undertaking of issuing leases. Staff was requested to relay our interest in participating as a consulting party.

Public Comments

John Corbett 423 Sailfish Street – Requested Council consider free parking passes for residents and property owners.

Jan Harris 206 North Shore Drive – Voiced opposition to the Town repairing the North Shore Drive West and 30th Street storm water drainage pipe instead of eliminating it.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Agreed with filming Council meetings; voiced opposition to the Annual Report financial condition article.

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE WORK SESSION UNTIL THE ATTORNEY IS PRESENT. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4 – 0 VOTE.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RECONVENE THE WORK SESSION. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4 – 0 VOTE.

Closed Session – NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) & NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) AND NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6). COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO RECONVENE THE OCTOBER 29, 2014 WORK SESSION. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Adjournment

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 29, 2014 COUNCIL WORK SESSION. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk